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RE: Gen. Docket No. 90-314, PP Docket No. 93-253, and
WT Docket No. 96-6

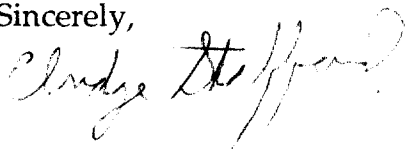
Dear Mr. Caton:

Please be advised that Corey Ford, Vice President Business Development and External Affairs, U S WEST Communications Wireless Group and the undersigned met today with Kathleen Ham-O'Brien, Chief - Auctions Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Sue McNeil, Legal Advisor - Auctions Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and Diane Conley, Legal Advisor - Auctions Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the timing of the auctions of the broadband PCS D and E blocks. The attached material summarizes points that were discussed.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(2) of the Commission's rules, the original and one copy of this letter, with attachment, are being filed with your office. Acknowledgement and date of receipt of these transmittals are requested. A duplicate of this letter is included for this purpose.

Please contact me at (202)429-3134 should you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



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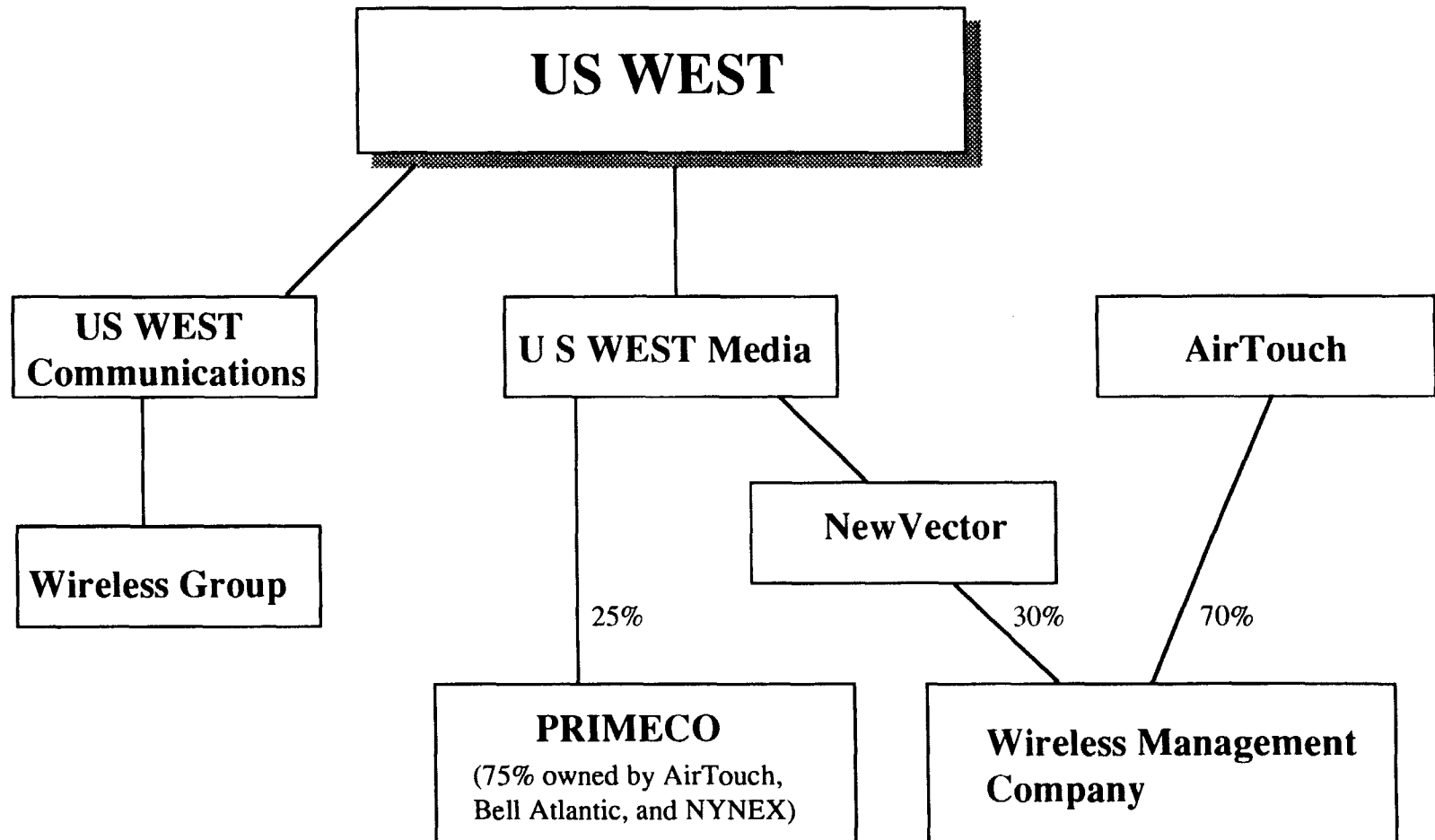
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CORPORATE STRUCTURE



D and E Block Auction

- U S WEST Communications urges acceleration of D/E auction.
- Services provided by D/E block licensees will be critical to consumer choice and a competitive environment.
- Delays in D/E auction would have several negative impacts:
 - Unfair headstart for PCS A,B & C licensees
 - Lessened competition for incumbent cellular carriers
 - Reduced value for D/E thus less dollars at auction

D and E Block Auction

- Remand issues should be resolved expeditiously.
- Spectrum flexibility docket (WT 96-6) should not delay D/E auction.
- Separate but parallel F auction will insulate D/E auction from undeserved challenges.
- The D/E auction should not be delayed for completion of a disaggregation docket.